

MINUTES

**CITY OF WARR ACRES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY
JANUARY 24, 2008
7:00 P.M.**

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Declaration of a quorum present was given.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Marietta Tardibono
Vice-Mayor Stewart Shapiro
Councilman Dean Johnson
Councilman Walter Johnson
Councilwoman Jan Blake
Councilman Mike Gossman
Councilwoman Nancy Olson
Councilman Stan Street

ABSENT

Councilman Jeff Martinez

2. Discussion and possible action on proposals for services and other action as may be necessary for the removal of ice storm damage and debris from the city right of way and other public property. Further, authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract for services as determined to meet the needs of the city and to appropriate funds if necessary.

Chief Carter told the council that FEMA would be estimating how much they think it will cost to finish the clean up and then they will make the city an offer and the city can either take the offer or do the process that has always been done to get reimbursed for 75%. He said that the grapple truck was a great purchase; however they are still strapped for manpower. The county has been hauling off the limbs to a county burn site. However, the permit for that burn site has expired and they are now taking it to a different site but it is much farther away. The city tried to get a burn permit for the Sewer plant property but DEQ would not grant one because the location is in a flood plain. So to speed up the process and to reduce fire danger from the limbs being stacked here in the city Chief Carter has gotten quotes from two companies to grind up the limbs and then the county will haul the chips to the Sewer plant. Councilman Shapiro stated the guys have been doing a magnificent job and asked about bringing in some part time help to get

the limbs picked up. Street Supervisor Robertson stated that part time people can not run the equipment. Chief Carter stated that his guys would be willing to come in on their days off and run equipment and the overtime would be reimbursed by FEMA. Councilman W. Johnson stated that the city is not in that big of a hurry. Councilman Gossman stated that the city has the Sanitation and Sewer departments helping out and the city does not need to spend more money than necessary right now.

Motion by Shapiro, second by Blake to contract with Kalka Construction and authorize payment up to \$39,000 to grind up the limbs and have the county haul the chips to the Sewer plant. Poll vote: D. Johnson, yea; W. Johnson, yea; Blake, yea; Gossman, yea; Street, yea; Shapiro, yea; Olson, yea; and Tardibono, yea.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

3. Adjournment.

Motion by Shapiro, second by D. Johnson to adjourn. Poll vote: D. Johnson, yea; W. Johnson, yea; Blake, yea; Gossman, yea; Street, yea; Shapiro, yea; Olson, yea; and Tardibono, yea.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela McDowell-Ramirez
City Clerk